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#### COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

On March 1, 2005, the undersigned faxed an Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time, Rule 132 Declaration, and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to the Patent Office to the attention of Examiner Ana Fortuna. While the PAIR system indicates that these documents have been received, the Examiner has indicated that, to date, these documents have not been delivered to her. Following herewith is a courtesy copy of this set of documents, and we would ask that they please be delivered to Examiner Fortuna.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.